Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: With regard to the draft proclamations, are they not as much important as other statutes?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Proclamations have certainly the force of law.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In the case of very emergent matters, no consultation is necessary. But in other cases, what is the objection for the Government to refer such proclamations to the Bar Association?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Proclamations are issued in emergent matters. Therefore there is no time to get the opinions of the Bar Associations on them.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I concede the point. In emergent times Government may do so. What I said was, in cases of *verumpattamdar's* cases of eviction—they are kept at a standstill. In such cases, it affects the country as a whole. The Bar Association will be able to give some information on this. I ask what is the objection for such proclamations being sent for emergent consideration by the Bar Association?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Since the Hon'ble Member has made reference to the proclamation regarding *verumpattamdars* I may say that when the decision was taken, to stop eviction the proclamation should have been issued, if possible, that very day. It has no retrospective effect. Speed in such cases is the all important matter as otherwise some tenants might be evicted in execution proceedings in the meanwhile.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I referred to that particular instance by way of illustration. The principle is not that. Is there any objection to refer such matters to the Bar Association?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I am not aware of any proclamation which has been issued except in emergent cases.

SPARE LANDS IN MUNICIPALITIES—LEASING OF

75. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Municipalities have made any arrangement to lease out the spare lands available within their limits to produce as much food crops as possible;

(*b*) if so, what is the approximate acreage leased and brought under cultivation?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Over 22 acres have already been leased out and brought under cultivation.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: May I know who is the controlling authority?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Municipality.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Are they given power?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. The Irinjalakkuda Municipality itself has leased out 5 acres 22 cents. All the Municipalities have been instructed to lease out the available lands.

TRENCHING GROUND OF MATTANCHERI

76. **Mr. B. M. Peter** *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the distance between the trenching ground of Mattancheri and northern extremity of Mattancheri Town;

(*b*) how the night-soil is carried at present to the ground?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) A little over four miles.

(*b*) Usually night-soil is being transported by the Motor lorry. Since it is not now in working order the work is being done by manual labour.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, wherefrom you have got information to the effect that the motor lorry is not in working order?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Commissioner, Mattancheri Muncipality reported to that effect.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: Or, is it due to the scarcity of petrol?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is not in working order. That is the report received by the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will the Government be able to state whether the Municipal Commissioner ever complained of want of petrol?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: He has never made any such complaint.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Government adopt some civilised method of transportation of night-soil?

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